

ANTI-TIPPING LAW WOULD BE A GREAT THING

—Says Elizabeth Maloney.

"The day there is an anti-tipping law on the statute books of the state of Illinois, enforced by a penitentiary penalty for anyone who breaks it, waiters will be paid \$25 a week and be able to keep their families properly without the constant worry that comes from depending upon tips, and they will give better service because their minds will not be divided between the work they are doing and their hope that the patron will tip."

This was the prophecy of Elizabeth Maloney, organizer of the waitresses' union, to a Day Book reporter.

"I pity the children of waiters," she continued. "They have a hard time of it. They cannot depend on getting clothing unless the public has been generous in tipping; they cannot depend on getting sufficient schooling unless their fathers have served indulgent patrons."

"Waiters get \$7 a week and even less. Out of this they must pay the headwaiter \$3 a week and more if they are given a good station, which means if they are placed in a part of the restaurant where generous patrons eat."

"If the station isn't so good, they may pay \$2 a week, but they must pay the headwaiter something. He depends for his salary on what the waiters under him pay him."

"Then the waiters must pay the bus-boy. This averages about \$1.50 a week. And he must pay 10 or 15 cents a night for his locker, not to mention other incidentals."

"Do you wonder that under the present abominable system the service you get from a waiter depends upon whether you are generous with him?"

"Do you wonder that if you haven't tipped the last time he doesn't want you at his station the next time?"

"Don't you see the evil of it so far as his service is concerned? His

mind isn't entirely on the order he is taking or serving. He is wondering if you will tip him and figuring how much that will add to his week's wage and if he'll have enough to pay the bills this week."

"And at home his wife is wondering the same thing, and his children's comfort is dependent on it though they don't realize it. His wife won't ask 'how much wages will you have this week?' She knows what the boss will pay him isn't worth considering when it comes to paying the butcher and the baker. It's that what he gets from the public that she is interested in."

"Whenever a restaurant keeper says anything to me about a waiter stealing from him, he doesn't get any sympathy. I say:

"It is a wonder they all don't steal and steal everything they can get ahold of. Don't blame the waiter. Blame the system that permits such a condition as this to exist and make it necessary for him to steal. I do not blame him for stealing, if he does steal. You steal off of him when you do not pay him one-third of what he is worth to you and expect either the public to pay the difference or the waiter to manage to exist without it."

"The waitresses are against the tipping evil. They want it abolished and a living wage paid by the employer, and I know that a canvass of the waiters would bring forth the same sentiment."

TWO HURT IN CRASH

Abe Konoskey, 55 years old, 1223 Johnson street, and Frank Talado, 35 years old, 1008 Sheldon street, two laborers employed by the water pipe extension department, were badly bruised early this morning when an American Express Co. truck, speeding west on Harrison street, crashed into the excavation which they were digging, 100 feet east of State street. They were both taken to the emergency hospital of the Harrison street station and later home by the police patrol.